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SUBJECT: FIRST APPALACHIAN CORPORATION

REF: A) CAIRO 17077; B) STATE 717; C) CAIRO 233

1. FOR EMBASSY'S (AND CONGEN'S) INFO, BLACK, PRESIDENT OF FIRST APPALACHIAN, HAS SENT LETTER TO UNDERSEC. FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS REQUESTING UNDERSEC TO BRING THIS MATTER TO AMBASSADOR'S ATTENTION. ACCORDING TO BLACK, IF EMBASSY MADE A DIRECT CONTACT WITH MININDUSTRY, EISSA ADEL HAMID SHAHIN, THE MATTER WOULD BE RESOLVED AMICABLY; MININDUSTRY APPARENTLY ONLY OFFICIAL WHO CAN OVER-RULE FARID.

TO RE-CAP FIRST APPALACHIAN VIEWS, FOLLOWING ARE POINTS LISTED IN LETTER:

A) FAC SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH AL-NASR IN OCTOBER 1975 TO SHIP 110,000 TONS OF METALLURGICAL COAL.

B) EVEN THOUGH FAC TRIAL SHIPMENT IN MARCH 1976 WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCEPTED, FAC DID NOT RECEIVE LETTER OF CREDIT FOR BALANCE OF SHIPMENT UNTIL JUNE 1976, EIGHT MONTHS AFTER CONTRACT SIGNED.

C). IN AUGUST 1976 AFTER US MINER'S STRIKE ENDED, FAC

CHARTERED VESSEL AND WAS READY TO SHIP WHEN AL-NASR
IMPOSED VESSEL SIZE RESTRICTIONS MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE
FOR FAC TO SHIP AND RENDERED LETTER OF CREDIT UNWORKABLE.
FAC CLAIMS IT IS ONLY SUPPLIER TO WHICH VESSEL SIZE
RESTRICTIONS WERE APPLIED.

D). FAC CLAIMS AL-NASR NEVER RESPONDED TO ITS COMPLAINTS
I.E. FAVORED TREATMENT OF COMPETITORS.

E). BLACK MET ON DECEMBER 7, 1976, WITH FARID AT MEETING
MININDUSTRY INSTRUCTED BE HELD AND PRESIDED OVER BY
UNDERSEC HABIB. ALTHOUGH PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO RE-
SOLVE ISSUE, NO AMICABLE SOLUTION FOUND.

F). WITH REFUSAL OF AL-NASR TO REINSTATE FAC CONTRACT,
FAC HAS NO RECOURSE BUT TO GO TO ARBITRATION IN LONDON,
WHICH IT HOPES TO AVOID.

3. FAC OBVIOUSLY ANXIOUS FOR SOME EARLY ACTION TO ALLOW
THEM TO BID ON FEBRUARY TENDER. DEPARTMENT HOPES CONGEN
AND EMBASSY WILL PURSUE RESEARCH WITH SOME URGENCY.

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